

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—In answer to (a) how many of them were given in each of the years?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I want notice, but I can supply the information in the course of the session if the Member wants.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—With regard to the question of "notice", I just ask one question. Have the Government or more specially the Director of Public Instruction, come across the recent pronouncement by the Diwan of Travancore as President of the Travancore Assembly with regard to the mode of claiming "notice" as follows:—"The right to claim notice should not be freely and frequently exercised and that it should be exercised on matters in answering which the Government member would commit the Government to a particular action or when further investigation of details is necessary and when the supplementary question was not german to the answer given. The President expected the Government members to be conversant with the intricacies and ramifications of a particular question before they come to the House and this indulgence of claiming notice very often could not be tolerated."

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Sir, I quite understand the significance of that rule and I have very strictly adhered to that rule. But, Sir, the Honourable Member must realise that the question of examinership is not one which I can carry with myself, though I have got to do something with that Committee, I am the President. The figures asked for is with regard to the distribution between a hundred people in the years 1107, 1108 and 1109. So in all conscience, Sir, I can beg leave to ask for notice in this particular matter.

Improved method of road construction in the State.

202. Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Will the Government be pleased to state if experiments have been tried for improved method of construction of roads within the State; if so, which are all the roads where the benefits of such experiment are vindicated?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes; with tarring by the spraymax method. The experiment was tried on the 'Round' in Trichur.

There is a proposal to try another experiment by a different method.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Is the experiment successful?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It could not be said exactly whether it was successful or not. They did not maintain the road.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Who is to maintain that road?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The road has to be maintained by the Trichur Municipal Council.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Will the experiment be successful if the road is maintained?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I think if it were maintained it will be successful.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Will the Government try this experiment for the roads at Ernakulam?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—We are going to try another experiment on the Shoranur road next year.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Was all the tar brought down used for this experiment?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Is there not any supply lying idle?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Not the supply purchased for Trichur.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Is there a supply for Irinjalakkuda?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—That is lying idle.

Mr. Papatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Will the Government be pleased to try that experiment in Mattancheri?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—That is a new proposal; we shall consider.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Is it not better to try this experiment in towns where there is a large volume of traffic?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The Shoranur road has larger amount of traffic than the roads of Ernakulam and Mattancheri.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Why it was not tried at Irinjalakkuda?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—We wanted to be sure that the experiment will be a success.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Was it not the duty of the Government to see that the Municipalities carry this experiment?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I do not think so.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—What is the opinion of the department with regard to the success of the experiment at Trichur?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—My opinion is that it will be successful if it is maintained properly.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—In what manner should they maintain?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—They must use the tar in alternate years.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Did the Chief Engineer certify that the Municipal roads are in perfect condition?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I do not think that I have certified that they are in perfect condition.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What is the new method to make it a success?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Originally we had a depth of one and a half inches of tar. But the new method we are going to try is of a depth of two and a half inches.

Appointment of Examiners for the various examinations.

203. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) what is the principle adopted in appointing Chief Examiners and Assistant Examiners for various examinations such as S. S. L. C., H I Form, Trained Teachers' Examinations, Industrial Examination, etc.;

(2) are there not many teachers in higher grades of service who have not been given examinerships till now;

(3) whether they will furnish a list of examiners, noting the subjects for which they were examiners against them;

(4) whether it is not the practice in British India to appoint examiners from B. A. and L. T.'s only?

Mr. I. N. Menon—(1) The principles are scholarship, efficiency, teaching experience and reliability.

(2) No; only very few.

(3) The list cannot be furnished as the period is not specified.

(4) No; with the exception of the S. S. L. C. Examination.

Schools recognised by Government but not given financial aid—list of.

204. Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—Will the Government be pleased to give a list of the schools in the State, which have been given 'Recognition' but which do not receive any financial 'aid' from Government?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—A list of such schools is appended. (*Appendix III*).

Sirkar Boys' High School, Vadakkancheri—abolition of.

205. Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether it contemplates the abolition of Sirkar High School for boys at Vadakkancheri, in the near future;

(b) and if so, on what ground?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Equipment of manual labour with mechanical power.

206. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim—With reference to Question